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Roxbury, Sept. 22, 1873.

My dear Wendell:

My greatly beloved friend, and active co-laborer since our acquaintance at the World's A. S. Convention in London in 1840, Rev. William James, of Bristol, Eng., writes to me from Philadelphia that he has taken his passage for home in the steam-ship that sails from New York on the 27th inst., (the Abyssinia) — and by agreement when he left Boston, I forward to his address, and in your care, a large bundle of books which were presented to him here, and for which he will call at your office. Of course, he will pay for the expressage, as it his affair. In addition I shall send a package of my own for him, pre-paid, containing some photographs of Boston and two or three promised volumes.

As a man and a pastor, he is a good deal like our lamented S. J. May in his feelings, sympathies, aims and aspirations — full of the affectional element and interested in every good work. Please ask him whether you can render him any service before he takes his departure. He enjoyed himself greatly while in Boston, and I have been cherishing the hope that he would return and sail from this port; but he is not well, (so he writes,) and is forbidden by his physician to go West as he had intended, and therefore feels that it will be wise for him to get home as soon as practicable. I think it quite likely that Mr. McKim met Mr. J. when he visited Bristol; in which case neither will need an introduction to the other, and the pleasure of meeting (if that be practicable) will be mutual. Mr. J. writes in very grateful terms for the attentions I bestowed upon him, and heartily compliments and congratulates me on the results of my labors.

I do not know what day you think of starting for Boston with Lucy and the darling Katherine, but we are hoping you will all be with us by next Saturday — at least by the Shore Line train which arrives at the Roxbury station by 9 o'clock, if you cannot come earlier. Don't think of getting here on the day of the wedding, as that would barely "give time to turn round" before attending the ceremony; and you might be delayed on the passage so as to miss the opportunity.

You will see, by the enclosed advertisement, that a person may go from Boston to New York, and return, by the Norwich Line, for half price, until the 1st of Nov. Whether the same favor will be allowed at your end of the route I do not know, but it might be worth your while to inquire. Should you come by any steam-boat route, I will send a carriage from the Norfolk House to meet you at the depot on your arrival, if you

previously let me know which route it will be.

What a financial pandemonium you are having in Wall Street! That is the focal point of heartless, profligate, insatiable Mammon. It is delightful to see how the divine law of retribution is in due time executed, even though the innocent are not wholly exempted from its operation. Our most serviceable lessons are learnt through judgments. If the love of money is <u>not</u> the root of all evil, it certainly has very much to do with the evil that is in the world.

Do you know whether Mr. and Mrs. Benson, of Paterson, contemplate being at George's wedding? Neither of them was in travelling condition when last heard from by us. We hope they have since improved.

Your mother is quite herself again. With much love,

W. L. G.